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Note verbale dated 22 March 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) concerning Guinea-Bissau and, in accordance with paragraph 10 of that resolution, has the honour to provide the Committee with a report on the steps taken by Australia to implement paragraph 4 of the resolution (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 22 March 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

1. In paragraph 10 of its resolution 2048 (2012), adopted on 18 May 2012, the Security Council called upon all Member States to report to the Committee within 120 days of the adoption of the resolution on the steps they have taken with a view to implementing effectively paragraph 4.

2. Paragraph 4 of resolution 2048 (2012) is implemented in Australia by the Migration (United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations 2007. The Migration (United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations provide that a person who is or becomes the subject of specified resolutions of the Security Council that require Australia to prevent that person from entering or transiting through Australian territory is unable to be granted a visa or, if a visa has already been granted, may have his or her visa cancelled, consistent with the obligations in the relevant Security Council resolution.

3. The Department of Immigration and Citizenship maintains a Movement Alert List, which includes the names of non-citizens whose eligibility for a visa grant or continuing eligibility to hold a visa may be an issue. All persons listed in the annex to resolution 2048 (2012) and all individuals designated on 18 July 2012 by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2048 (2012) are included on the Movement Alert List. The names of all visa applicants are checked against the List prior to any decision to grant a visa to enter Australia. The Movement Alert List is electronically accessible to officers of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship posted to Australia's diplomatic and consular missions worldwide, although the matching process has been centralized in the Border Operations Centre in the Department of Immigration and Citizenship's National Office. Additional checks are also undertaken at Australian entry points to ensure that any person put on the Movement Alert List subsequent to a visa grant is identified.

4. Where there may be a potential match between a visa applicant and an individual listed on the Movement Alert List, further enquiries must be made before a visa can be granted, or, if it has already been granted, to consider whether it can or must be cancelled. Led by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, this is a consultative process including many Government bodies, which aims to resolve the Movement Alert List alert by examining available data on both applicants and individuals on the Movement Alert List.